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Caring for Troops: \$2.4M Living Support Area Completed

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Tikrit, Iraq – More than 1,000 troops relocated from tent city to hard structures on Contingency Base Speicher before winter set in. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently complete a \$2.4 million living area (Living Support Area No. 20) on the base.

“Even though we are in an expeditionary type of environment, we should give our soldiers the best we can,” says Frank Scopa, an area engineer with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “Social amenities make their life easier, which helps them focus on what is important and that is part of our mission. Having to walk through the mud and rain to get to the shower and latrine facilities is not good. There is no reason why our troops have to live uncomfortably.”

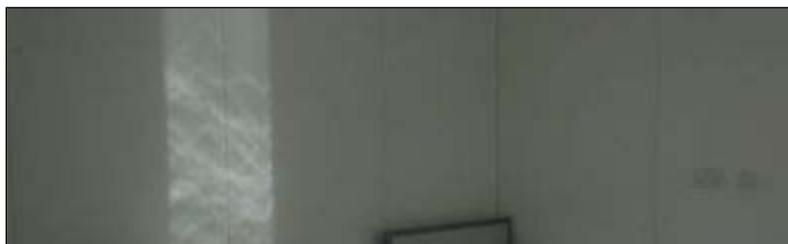
Living Support Area No. 20 consists of 36 dormitory buildings with electricity, sewage and running water. Each dorm is designed with two bedrooms on each end, divided by a kitchenette and bath. With 504 bedrooms, two people per room, the military plans to house more than 1,000 soldiers.

Frank Garcia, a resident engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, says of the new living area: “Soldiers are the backbone of the success in Iraq and their quality of life is paramount. Moving soldiers from temporary tent structures to hardened facilities before the cold weather comes will enhance their ability to complete the mission. We have a duty to care for our soldiers.”

Included in each bedroom is a desk, air conditioner/heater, a closet and a bed. The



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Frank Garcia, middle, a resident engineer with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, new living area will provide soldiers a better standard of living, and offer more from the element. [ARMY PHOTO]

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